

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's finding that claims 1, 5, 8-11, 15-17 and 19 are allowable. The Examiner has rejected claim 22, the only other pending claim, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cahoon (US 5484542) in view of Lynn (Surfactants, in Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, posted online 12/4/2000, p 27). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants have amended claim 22 to specify a group from which the surfactants used are selected. This is the same group of surfactants present in claim 1, which the Examiner has found to be allowable. Support for this amendment may be found in claim 1 and at page 12, line 16 to page 14, line 18 of the specification. This group of surfactants is not taught nor disclosed in either Cahoon or Lynn, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are both novel and non-obvious over the cited references and ask that all claims be allowed.

Applicants have also amend claim 5 so that it now depends on claim 1, instead of the previously cancelled claim 2.

The foregoing remarks are believed to be a full and complete response to the outstanding office action. Therefore an early and favourable reconsideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that only minor issues remain to be resolved, a telephone call to the Undersigned is suggested.

Any required fees or any deficiency or overpayment in fees should be charged or credited to deposit account 12-2275 (The Lubrizol Corporation).

Respectfully submitted,

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